

Report of the Faculty Senate Research Committee

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On 17 October 2024 we held our monthly meeting with Joanne Browning, Interim-VP Research.

The primary issue discussed was the implementation of improved proposal processing by Office of Research and Business Affairs. Dr. Browning presented data that proposal processing time has improved to an average set up time of 15 days. Further an improved Cayuse program will soon be implemented. The committee will continue to monitor and support efforts to improve proposal processing and grants accounting as it is identified as a major concern for faculty.

A revised F and A distribution has been approved: 5% Faculty, 22% College, 8% Dean/VP, 7% Center/Institute, 7% Department.

Discussion among the VPR and others are considering how to support publication costs for faculty.

NSF did a site review and all went well.

Expenditures continue to rise from \$152MM to \$162MM while federal funding is stable at \$56.5MM.